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FACTORS SUPPORTING THIS CONCLUSION ARE: (A) SIHANOUK AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE RICE TO VC, REPORTEDLY AT RATE OF ABOUT 20,000 TONS ANNUALLY; (B) THIS AMOUNT BELIEVED SUFFICIENT TO COVER NEEDS OF VC/NVA FORCES IN SOUTHERN LAOS AND THE SEVEN GENERALLY RICE-DEFICIT BORDER PROVINCES OF SVN FROM KONTUM TO TAY NINH (REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER VC/NVA TROOPS IN SVN BELIEVED MET LOCALLY AND FROM NVN); (C) SIHANOUK SEEN LIKELY TO CONTINUE MEETING VC/NVA RICE REQUESTS. [REDACTED] AGREES WITH STATION THAT, IN ANY CASE, SOME SMUGGLING LIKELY TO PERSIST AND CAPABLE

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IN VIEW OF INCREASED RICE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS SMUGGLED RICE VOLUMES CITED IN REFERENCES UNREALISTIC, HOWEVER, BECAUSE LEGAL SALES ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF COMMUNIST FORCES DEPENDENT ON CAMBODIAN RICE THERE IS NO APPARENT NEED FOR LARGE SCALE SMUGGLING. [REDACTED] DOES AGREE 25X1A2g THAT SOME SMUGGLING TAKES PLACE AND WHILE [REDACTED] CANNOT 25X1A2g QUANTIFY THE AMOUNT THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS IT IS RELATIVELY SMALL.

2. HEADQUARTERS GROUP MET [REDACTED] WITH MR. MARSHALL WRIGHT AND COMMUNICATED THESE JUDGMENTS TO HIM. RECENT HEADQUARTERS REVIEW THIS SUBJECT BEING POUCHED.

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